



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office
ADDRESS:
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
08/7900, 220	07/24/97	MIAO	N ONV044.01

PATENT GROUP
FOLEY HOAG AND ELIOT
ONE POST OFFICE SQUARE
BOSTON MA 02109

HM12/1222

EXAMINER
WILSON, M

ART UNIT 1633 PAPER NUMBER 20

DATE MAILED: 12/22/99

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning the above identified application.

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

The reply filed on 11-12-99, paper number 16, is not fully responsive to the prior restriction requirement because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicants have not elected one of the five patentably distinct inventions or a distinct species. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined and an election of species even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael C. Wilson whose telephone number is (703) 305-0120. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jasemine Chambers, can be reached on (703) 308-2035. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-8724.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-0196.

Michael C. Wilson